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How Can I Get Help Obtaining a New Passport Expedited?

As with all other inquiries to federal agencies, the Federal Privacy Act requires that the constituent provide to me a written, signed privacy authorization detailing what you are requesting that agency to provide to me, along with all pertinent information about your request. If you have access to the Internet, you can find a form for this purpose on my website at www.timscott.house.gov. You will also need to complete our "Passport Expedite Service" form.

The Process

My staff works directly with the U. S. Department of State's Charleston Passport Agency (which is **not** a "walk-in" facility) for those cases that qualify for the abbreviated processing service. To ensure timely processing and to see if you qualify, you may go to their website, www.travel.state.gov.

You must go to a local Post Office that handles passport applications. You must coordinate with that facility, providing all required documentation, etc. All fees will be collected at the Post Office and placed in an envelope that will be sealed by the post office staff. The current fees for a NEW expedited passport are \$195 (\$135 for the passport fee and \$60 expedite fee). All documentation and fee requirements are established by the U. S. State Department.

My office will accept the sealed envelope containing the application and all required documentation that the Post Office accepts from you. My staff is not authorized to open the envelope. They will forward by express service, the sealed envelope, along with a cover letter from me asking the agency to expedite renewal of your passport. The agency will return your new passport directly to you, usually within about 4 working days. Thank You